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PASS TO THE HONORABLE HENRY M. JACKSON

1. I AM A CONSTITUENT FROM BELLEVUE, A CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE RESERVE OFFICER WITH THE U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. AT THE TIME OF OUR MARRIAGE, MY WIFE WAS A U.S. EDUCATED VIETNAMESE. HER FAMILY ARE NORTHERNERS, HALF OF THE CATHOLIC, WHO WENT SOUTH IN 1954 BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD LIVE IN SOME PEACE AND FREEDOM. ONE SISTER AND HER HUSBAND, HAVE EACH SPENT AT LEAST TEN YEARS WORKING FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, TWO OTHER SISTERS' HUSBANDS ARE COLONELS, TRAINED IN THE STATES, MY WIFE MARRIED ME. THE RIGHTS AND WRONGS OF OUR EVER BEING INVOLVED IN VIETNAM ARE RAPIDLY BECOMING IRRELEVANT, THE FACT IS WE WERE AND ARE. MANY PEOPLE, AMONG THEM MY FAMILY, DID BELIEVE WHAT WE SAID AND COMMITTED THEMSELVES PUBLICLY TO A RELATIONSHIP WITH AMERICANS AND THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

2. NORTHERNERS, CATHOLICS, COLLABORATORS WITH THE AMERICANS, WHAT CHOICE DO THEY HAVE BUT TO LEAVE? AND THEY WILL LEAVE IF THERE IS ANY OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO. MY REQUEST IS THAT THE CONGRESS:

A. REQUEST AND AUTHORIZE TRANSPORTATION BE PROVIDED FOR THOSE VIETNAMESE FAMILIES, WHOSE CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH US, EXPOSES THEM TO THE ULTIMATE PENALTY.

B. REQUEST AND AUTHORIZE THAT MINIMUM CONTINGENTS OF AMERICAN MILITARY BE PROVIDED TO ASSURE ORDERLY USE OF SUCH TRANSPORTATION.

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C. THAT AGREEMENTS BE MADE QUICKLY WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, TO ALLOW REFUGEES TIME TO BE TRANSSHIPPED, ESPECIALLY WHERE THEY MAKE THEIR OWN WAY OUT.

D. THAT THE U.S. GIVE THE REFUGEES AN EASY ENTRY TO THE UNITED STATES.

3. ON MY PART I AM WILLING TO SPONSOR THE FAMILY, LARGE AS IT IS, AND DO HAVE A HOUSE WHERE I CAN SHELTER THEM UNTIL THEY CAN GET ON THEIR FEET. WHILE I WOULD APPRECIATE FINANCIAL SUPPORT, I AM WILLING TO SUPPORT THEM ANYWAY. MOST OF THE FAMILY SPEAK ENGLISH, SOME VERY FLUENTLY SOME SHYLY.

4. I DO REQUEST THAT SOMETHING BE DONE TO ASSIST MY FAMILY AND OTHERS LIKE THEM, TO LEAVE AN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION. NATURALLY I FEEL MOST ABOUT BECAUSE I KNOW MOST ABOUT MY OWN FAMILY BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN I DO NOT SYMPATHIZE AND WANT TO HELP THE OTHERS, WITH MANY OF WHOM I HAVE WORKED.

5. I WOULD APPRECIATE A STATEMENT OF YOUR SUPPORT AND ANY ADVICE YOU MAY HAVE WHICH WOULD BE OF HELP. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE CONGRESS HAS THE KEY TO THE OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE DOOR, TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE PLACED THEIR FAITH IN US.

6. I RECOGNIZE THAT UNTIL THE FAMILY IS OUT OF VIETNAM I AM POWERLESS. YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION WILL CREATE LASTING GRATITUDE IN ALL OF US.

INTERESTED PARTY: DESMOND O'RIORDAN.  
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